

In re Appln. of: Frank FRIEDLAND
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In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 20 (Cancelled)

21. (New) A massage device comprising:

- (a) an elongated main body composed of a thin flat flexible molded plastic sheet having upper and lower surfaces;
- (b) said elongated main body being molded into a fancifully configuration in the outline of a hand having a first end portion of the elongated main body constituting the heel of the hand, and having a second end portion of the elongated main body formed with a plurality of first elongated thin flexible strips,
- (c) each said strip at one end being integral with the main body and being cantilevered in a longitudinal direction away from the main body and terminating in a free end, the extreme tip of which defines a flat substantial contact massage surface extending transversely;
- (d) the first elongated strips at their free ends being spaced apart to simulate fingers splayed;
- (e) a second elongated strip integral with the main body extending from one side of the main body cantilevered at an angle to simulate a thumb and terminating in a free end, the extreme tip of which defines a flat substantial contact massage surface extending transversely;
- (f) the first and second elongated strips being curved slightly downwardly and at their free ends depending downwardly at an angle so that the extreme tips with the flat substantial contact massage surfaces face downwardly;

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(g) a projection, integrally molded with the elongated main body, projecting downwardly from the lower surface of the elongated main body adjacent the first end of the elongated main body and terminating in a free end having a flat substantial contact surface facing downwardly; and

(h) a battery-operated vibration motor mounted on the elongated main body to induce vibrations in said main body, for transmission to the substantial contact surfaces.

22. (New) A massage device according to claim 21, wherein the thin flexible plastic sheet is composed of polycarbonate.

23. (New) A massage device according to claim 21, wherein the extreme tips with the flat substantial contact massge surfaces at the free ends of the first and second elongated strips each have an area of at least 0.4 square centimeters.

24. (New) A massage device according to claim 22, wherein the thin flexible plastic sheet is from about 0.2 to about 0.5 centimeters thick.

25. (New) A massage device according to claim 21, wherein the first elongated strips at their free ends are bent or curved downwardly.

26. (New) A massage device according to claim 21, wherein the free ends of the first elongated strips are integrally molded in the form of open top receptacles.

27. (New) A massage device according to claim 21, wherein two laterally spaced projections are integrally molded with the elongated main body projecting downwardly from the lower surface of the elongated main body adjacent the first end of the elongated main body and terminating in free ends having substantial contact surfaces facing downwardly.

28. (New) A massage device according to claim 21, wherein a strap is fastened at its ends transversely across the elongated main body on its upper surface, with the central portion of the strap looped to enable a hand to pass under the strap.

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29. (New) A massage device according to claim 21, wherein a battery box is fixed to the elongated main body and electrical connections including an on-off switch interconnect the battery box and the battery-operated vibration motor.
30. (New) A massage device according to claim 29, wherein an enclosure is fixed to the elongated main body that encloses the battery box and the battery-operated vibration motor.
31. (New) A massage device according to claim 30, wherein a strap is fastened at its ends transversely across the enclosure, with the central portion of the strap looped to enable a hand to pass under the strap.